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Third Annual 2015 Coconino County Teacher of the Year Information and Finalists Announced

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Coconino County School Superintendents Office will be hosting the 2015 Third Annual Coconino County Teacher of the Year Awards event on the evening of May 6 at the High Country Conference Center.

Teacher of the Year is the only countywide event created to celebrate, honor and recognize full-time charter and public school teachers from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. This year a total of 23 teachers were nominated. Teachers completed and submitted a detailed essay application along with three letters of support to be in the running for the Teacher of the Year title. A panel of five judges then scored the teacher applications using a rubric and discussion to determine the top six candidates to be interviewed. Next, judges scored the interviews with another rubric to determine the three finalists who will be recognized at the awards event. The Teacher of the Year, and the Ambassadors for Excellence (runners up) are recognized and announced at the awards event. Each of the finalists will receive cash prizes, automatic nomination for the Arizona Teacher of the Year Award and various other prizes. The Teacher of the Year also wins a one-year leased Toyota Camry from a local dealership. The entire event is made possible through sponsorships of businesses and community members.

Superintendent VanderWey would like to formally release the names of the teachers in the running for the 2015 Coconino County Teacher of the Year Award. "The three finalists are Ms. Whitney Tapia of Knoles Elementary School, Mr. Mike Rust of Flagstaff High School and Mr. Sean Ryan of De Miguel Elementary School."

For more information contact the School Superintendents Office at 928- 679-8070.

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